



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

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For: 17-METHYLENE STEROIDS, PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THAT CONTAIN THESE COMPOUNDS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

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3. (Amended) 17-Methylene steroids according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein one of radicals  $R^{20}$  and  $R^{20a}$  means a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and the other radical means a fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom, an azido, cyano or rhodano group or hydroxymethyl.

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4. (Amended) 17-Methylene steroids according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein  $R^{10}$  stands for a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.